

Minutes From MTMA Section Meeting
Twinsburg Public Library

3:00p.m. January 14, 2006

Present

Mark Recktenwald, President
Bruce S. Levison, Secretary (Ben Levison)
Tod Hilty, Member
Ray Behanna, Member
Lloyd Park (Timothy, Isaac, and Lindsay Park)

Approved Minutes from last years meeting reviewed

1) Membership Census, 13 paid members all active MTMA members.
99 Yahoo group members
Membership cards voted as not necessary

2) Financial Status

Treasurer's report,
Income: Launch fees membership dues received \$95.00
Expenditures:
Section renewal and insurance cost \$40.00
New Fire extinguisher purchase cost \$10.00

Total net income \$45.00
Total on hand in account \$245.00

It was agreed that membership dues and fees be kept the same as last year for the 2006 year.

Family Membership is \$5.00 per family per year

Range fees:

Members \$1.00/launch low power only \$2.00/launch High power (G motor and above)

Non-Members \$3.00/launch low power only \$5.00/launch High power (G motor and above)

Needs for 2006:

Stainless Steel Launch Rods for multi-rod pad Ben Levison will submit cost for these in his final report.

First Aid kit: Who has the one MTMA bought a few years ago?

3) Ground Support Equipment

Multi-rod launcher status report: Ben Levison said the pad structure is basically done we launched off the completed unit at the Turkey Shoot in November. All that remains to be done are to place the electronics into the pad. The relay system has been laid out and tested and is about one quarter built.

High power pads: Mark has the Blue two-piece pad with 1/2" and 3/8" rods Tod said he has the stainless steel 1/4-inch rod for it. Bruce is checking in on the two pads that the Tri City Sky Buster's (TCSB) said they have that belong to us.

4) Status of current field(s)

Montville field, we need to contact Wolf about the field status, see if it has been mowed, and when we can use it.

Pichan's open if we want to use it, possible July launch, Tod will check on this see launch schedule below.

Derthick's our largest field open when its not planted in crops, again Tod will help us out with the availability of this one

Carlton's cow pasture Tod's boss has some say about out use of this one. Hopefully Tod can pull some strings for us so we have access.

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Pioneer Trail, another farm field that will be planted with crops; kind of bad site for a launch since the neighbors don't like us.
Summit County Fairgrounds (SCFG) approved 17 of our 20 requested launch dates. See launch schedule below!

5) New Field Locations

The following were discussed;

Pochedly field a Mantua area site that Tod mentioned might be available.

Ravenna Arsenal 23,000 acres!!! Tod mentioned he may have a contact person. Bruce will look into this one too since his former employer had some ties to this area. Mark suggested we should contact those sections that fly at military bases or NASA facilities to see what sort of contacts they might be able to give us.

6) Tentative Launch Schedule for 2006

March 11 rain day Alternate (Alt) 12 SCFG (25 and/or 26 available SCFG)

April 8 Alt 9 SCFG

May 13 Pichan's Field Alt 28 SCFG

June 3 Alt 4 SCFG

July 1 and 2 Pichan's Field possible night launch and Independence Day activities weather and waiver permitting

August 13 SCFG

Sept 10 SCFG

Oct 14 Alt 15 SCFG

Nov 24 Alt 25 and 26 SCFG Turkey shoot

Dec 9 Alt 10, 16 and 17 Winter Polar Bear Launch

The officers of our group may hold other impromptu (unsanctioned) launches on short notice throughout the summer months watch the MTMA Yahoo newsgroup for details.

Paperwork: we need to get the waiver for High Power from Mike Leffler and all the attachments so other members of the group can file this.

November 1, 2006 send request letter to SCFG for 2007 dates

January 13th, 2007 next MTMA Section Meeting

January 19th, 2007 file wavier for launches at SCFG

7) Outreach/Publicity

Recap last years activities:

2005 Launches Half Season with 7 Launches!

August 6, 2005: 5 Flyers, 11 flights B to G power

August 21, 2005: 6 Flyers, 18 flights A to H power

September 10, 2005: 10 Flyers, 49 flights A to G power

October 1, 2005: Camporall Demo 2 Flyers, 12 flights A to G power

October 29, 2005: 11 Flyers, 40 Flights A to G power

November 27, 2005: 5 Flyers about 20 Flights A to H power

December 10, 2005: 4 Flyers, 5 Flights B to F power

Web-site Mark has transferred the Web site to a free Web Server at x3fusion.com If anyone has any launch pictures to share please sent them to Mark or Bruce so we can post them on the site.

Air shows We used to have a static display at the Kent State Airport air show; this has been tabled due to lack of interest.

TARC: Bruce is mentoring a team from Hawken School in Gates Mills Ohio.

Scouting: We could hold another demo launch and static display for the Great Trail Council at their Camporall if asked. Bruce and Ben will check with the Greater Cleveland Scouting Council for their activites.

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Launch Windows entry: Mark sent in the updates last year and this was never changed in Sport Rocketry or the Model Rocketeer. Mark Will update them again.

Education: Tod has a power point presentation about Rocketry he uses for the Charge Class at the Mantua Middle and High School that is available for us to use. Tod said that he will be involved with some rocketry related activities there in May. Bruce said that there were too many education activities he did along with the TCSB group to mention in this a newsletter.

8) Section Activities

Launch or outing with TCSB: Bruce will contact them at their meeting tomorrow to see if there is anything they suggest or need our help with.

Contests, Wolf and Jim need to get us going on this we should have a meet for an NAR sanctioned and scoring events.

High Power Project, There is some interest it depends on the group.

Winter Build Session, We are looking into this. Could be a make and take for the kids at the Twinsburg Library or Recreation Center

Holiday party, Tod is your house available next December?

Night Launch, July launch at Pichan's farm more details will be announced, as we get closer to that date

Road Trip to National Launch or Hobby Store, There was a question of what national events were happening at within about a 300-mile radius from here. If you know of a convenient national launch event close by help us plan a road trip! Great lakes Hobbies has moved perhaps we could plan a weekend shopping trip together there.

Fundraisers, these may be necessary if we do a build session with a scout or school group.

Newsletter, Bruce needs to put together a Newsletter to send to our active and inactive members via mail and/or E-mail and let them know what's happening with the MTMA. Mark has a list of at least 40

9) Nomination & Election of Officers for 2006 Officers were unanimously elected as follows:

Mark Recktenwald President

Tod Hilty Advisor

Bruce Levison Secretary

Jim Hartman Treasurer

Submitted by Bruce S. Levison NAR #69055 Secretary NAR Section #606 The Mantua Township Missile Agency (MTMA) January 14, 2006. Revised January 16, 2006